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# MICHAEL'S BOOKSTORE

#### Michael's Summer Reading

Check out our Bookstore located on the right in our lobby. We have a fine selection of both hardbound and oversize paperbacks in a variety of subjects both fiction and non-fiction.



\$2.00 a book and children's books are all 25¢

It's donation time for our upcoming book sale. Our bin in the lobby awaits your gently used books, CDs and DVDs.

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#### **Library Hours**

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# the Library Westport Free Public Library

#### **SUMMER**

#### Perspectives:

"Live in the sunshine, swim in the sea. Drink the wild air's salubrity."

Ralph Waldo Emerson 1803-1882

Ahh, summer in Westport. Always too short a season, but joyously full with outdoor pastimes, farm fresh produce and concerts and events galore. The Library welcomes the rush of visitors in the summer; our seasonal residents not only partake of the Library's educational, cultural and entertainment menu, but many also give back by volunteering in FOWL's book sale labors. Come one, come all: Visit the Library this summer to borrow our telescope, pick up museum passes, attend a program, enjoy our exhibits and browse our wonderful bookstore and annual book sales. It's an essential adjunct to Emerson's prescription for a glorious summer here in Westport.

Denise Micale, President, FOWL dsmicale@gmail.com

#### **Your Library Connections:**

That word "Free" in front of the word Library—we may know public libraries are free, but few of us realize how they save us money. Here's an eye-opening list of savings right here in Westport.

- \*Specialized Titles: We all enjoy saving the purchase cost of books—on topics from history to home repair, from parenting to painting. And don't forget titles required by students—sourced from a vast network of universities and libraries and readily available to us with minimal planning and effort.
- Audio-books on CD: Borrowing them frees up more money for that long commute—or that gym membership.
- •eBooks: Forgo that expensive Kindle title; simply download the SAILS Overdrive program onto your devices and read, read, read.
- •DVDs: No need to return them the next day; ours circulate for two weeks.
- •Magazines & Newspapers: We receive the *New York Times* and *Wall Street Journal* hot off the press; borrow a copy or peruse today's edition.
- •Music CDs: How much did you spend on that collection of tired CDs on your shelf? Why not listen to a borrowed copy?
- •Internet: Many folks use the Internet every day. Save that monthly cost by using our public-access computers and printer. Enjoy free Wi-Fi with your laptop.
- •Genealogical Research: Ancestry.com is available on all our computers.
- •Family-oriented Activities: We have online databases designed specifically for families. Our ad-free Tumblebooks and ABCMouse computer programs allow children to safely play and learn.
- Discounted Museum Passes: Calculate the savings should you choose to visit all eleven locations.

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# **Summer Exhibits and Events**

#### IN THE MANTON COMMUNITY ROOM:

# July: Media Mix: Celebrating Life

Artist, Carol Veiga's watercolor, oil paintings and pencil drawings capture local landscapes, seascapes, birds and flowers. Reception: Monday, July 9 6:30-8:00 p.m.



#### August: Collage Photos

Photographer Beth Easterly creates a new exhibit using old photos, creating unique collages. Reception: Thursday, August 2 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Thursday, July 12 7:00 p.m. Libraries **Rock Magic** with magician and juggler Scott Jameson.



Thursday, July 26 7:00 p.m. New England Raptors Show Naturalist Marla Isaac hosts a live bird demonstration.



Tuesday, August 14 11:00 a.m. Deborah Costine's Shadow Puppets Awards picnic takes place after the show for reading club members and their families.

Wednesday, August 15 7:00 p.m. Rose with actor Linda Monchik A one-woman show depicting Rose Kennedy's courageous life. (See Chat this page)

#### Helen E. Ellis Case:

July: Needlework: Then & Now Susan Shaw shares a collection of embroidery tools & samplers from the 1800's along with her own creations.



#### August: Strawberry Fields

A freshly-picked variety of strawberry-themed needle work good enough to eat, shared by the Westport Needleworkers.

September: Delicate and Delightful Porcelain Dolls Geri Fortier shares one of her many hobbies creating porcelain dolls and clothing to match.

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## **Chat with actor Linda Monchik**

by Brianna McAvoy

#### A brief background.....

I'm a graduate of Smith College with a major in History and minor in Theatre; attended Brown University, then Emerson where I earned a Master's in Theatre. I taught Self Expression at Bristol Community College and in my spare time I write poetry and play



You will be portraying Rose Fitzger-

ald Kennedy at the Library in a one woman show August 15th. What intrigues you about this role?

The Kennedys were public figures to the point of being almost mythic. Then, in the 1960's, things began to unravel. Rose lost a daughter in a plane crash, a daughter to a lobotomy gone wrong, two sons to assassination, and her husband had a second social career. The audience will discover the secrets of Rose's fortitude, longevity and positivism, despite the endless tragedies.

#### You love live theatre...

There is a person-to-person exchange of energy in live theatre that you don't experience watching a screen. It depicts events that are either too shocking or painful to process. Live audiences grasp the play's impact on their emotions through the energy of the performance. Plays show you how to live, spotlight where you might be going wrong, and show you how to recover and return to the path you want to be on. The forceful energy of live theatre seems to be disappearing into technology and I strive to keep it alive.

#### You have portrayed other impactful women. Is there a character that resembles you?

I might be an amalgam of two characters. Amanda, in The Glass Menagerie, because she was always driven to achieve. In my secret heart, Emily Dickinson is my heroine. Close to God and nature, her sensitive soul allowed her to capture the nuances of life in her poems.

#### SAVE THE DATE

Seventh Annual Summer Paperback Sale: (adult fiction): Monday, July 30-Friday, August 10, Community Room during Library hours. A great opportunity to find a few paperbacks to read in the last weeks of summer. Stock replenished often. All books \$1-\$2.00.

FOWL's 2018 Annual Used Book Sale: Community Room. Members' Preview; Friday, September 7 6:00-8:00 p.m.; Public Sale; Saturday, September 8-Saturday, September 15 during Library hours, but closes at 1:00 p.m. on second Saturday. Over 30,000 books in 20 categories, fills entire Community Room. One of the largest sales in the area. Hundreds of children's books are 25¢ each to encourage reading. Other books \$1-\$2, plus a selection of specially-priced books.



## **Events**

FOWL Board Meetings: Thursday, August 9 at 6:30 p.m., Community Room. Dates occasionally change. Please call the Library (508) 636-1100 to confirm date if you plan to attend. Library closed Fourth of July and Labor Day, September 3.

#### Kids' Corner: Summer 2018

#### **Preschool**

Petra Marianna Coppo

Petra is a little rock who believes she is a mighty mountain until a dog fetches her for its owner, and she is tossed into a bird's nest.



Dude Aaron Reynolds

It's totally about this platypus and this beaver who are friends. They want to go surfing but dude, there's this shark who's in the ocean, too.



#### Grades 5-8

#### The Penderwicks at Last

Jeanne Birdsall

Nine years, five older siblings, a few beloved dogs, and an endless array of adventures are the things that have shaped Lydia's journey since readers first met her in The Penderwicks in Spring.



#### **WhatsHisFace** Gordon Korman

When a boy named Roderick Northrop communicates with him through the phone, Cooper realizes the phone isn't buggy at all; the thing is haunted.



#### Team Players Mike Lupica

Cassie must learn that you can't "fix" someone else after a girl with Aspergers joins her softball team in the fourth and final book of the Home Team series.



#### Young Adult

#### Al Capone Throws Me a Curve

Gennifer Choldenko

A return to Al Capone's Alcatraz in this charming addition to the beloved series about the son of a prison quard.



#### Mapping the Bones

Jane Yolen

It's 1942 in Poland, and the world is coming to pieces. At least that's how it seems to Chaim and Gittel, twins whose lives feel like a fairy tale torn apart.



#### Juvenile Fiction

#### Rescue & Jessica: A Life-Changing Friendship

Jessica Kensky and Patrick Downes

Rescue thought he'd grow up to be a Seeing Eye dog. It's the family business, after all. When he gets the news that he's better suited to being a service dog, he's worried that he's not up to the task.



#### **Juvenile Nonfiction**

#### Champions of Women's Soccer

Ann Killion

From the World Cup to the Olympics, from Mia Hamm to Carli Lloyd to Alex Morgan, here is the ultimate guide to Women's Soccer for young sports fans from an awardwinning sports journalist.



# **Westport Library Book Club**

#### Read For Fun, Followed By Optional Lunch

The Westport Library Book Club meets the second Friday of each month in the Community Room at 10:30 a.m. It's a wonderful assemblage of people from several local communities. We choose our selections on the recommendation of members. The conversations are lively and enjoyable and participating in the group is a great way to meet people.

Please join us or contact briannamcavoy@gmail.com for more information.

#### July 13-News of the World

Paulette Jules

In the aftermath of the Civil War, an aging itinerant news reader agrees to transport a young captive of the Kiowa back to her people in this exquisitely rendered, morally complex, multilayered novel of historical fiction that explores the boundaries of family, responsibility, honor, and trust.



#### August 10—Cutting for Stone

Abraham Verghese

Marion and Shiva Stone are twin brothers born of a secret union between a beautiful Indian nun and a brash British surgeon. Orphaned by their mother's death and their father's disappearance, bound together by a preternatural connection and a shared fascination with medicine, the twins come of age as Ethiopia hovers on the brink of revolution.



#### September 14—A Gentlemen in Moscow

Amor Towles

In 1922. Count Alexander Rostov is deemed an unrepentant aristocrat by a Bolshevik tribunal, and is sentenced to house arrest in the Metropol, a grand hotel across the street from the Kremlin. Rostov, an indomitable man of erudition and wit, has never worked a day in his life, and must now live in an attic room while some of the most tumultuous decades in Russian history are unfolding outside the hotel's doors. Unexpectedly, his reduced circumstances provide him entry into a much larger world of emotional discovery.

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Rosie visits: Practice reading to *Rosie*, our canine friend. Children read one-on-one to Rosie for ten minutes. This helps them gain skills and confidence reading aloud. She is an avid listener! Rosie and handler Sue Szekely are part of Therapy Dogs International's Tail Waggin' Tutors reading program. Practice reading aloud from a favorite book!

Call to book a ten minute slot. All children must be accompanied by an adult. (limit of six each session)

9:30-10:30 a.m.

Friday, July 20 10:00-11:00 a.m. Friday, August 24 10:00-11:00 a.m. Saturday, September 29



# **New to the Collection Highlights**

#### **Adult Fiction:**

#### Paris by the Book

Liam Callanan



When eccentric novelist Robert Eady abruptly vanishes, he leaves behind his wife, Leah, their daughters, and, hidden in an unexpected spot, plane tickets to Paris.

#### The Dark Angel

Elly Griffiths



When archaeologist Angelo Morelli asks for Ruth Galloway's help identifying bones found in the tiny hilltop town of Fontana Liri, she jumps at the chance to go, bringing her daughter along with her for a working vacation.

#### The Crooked Staircase

Dean Koontz



Jane Hawk knows she may be living on borrowed time but as long as she's breathing, she'll never cease her one-woman war against the terrifying conspiracy that threatens her freedom and free will.

#### **Adult Nonfiction:**

#### The Best Cook in the World

Rick Bragg



Rick Bragg finally preserves his heritage by telling the stories that framed his mother's cooking and education, from childhood into old age because good food always has a good story.

#### The Destiny Thief

Richard Russo



The Destiny Thief reflects the broad interests and experiences of one of America's most beloved authors. Warm, funny, wise, and poignant, the essays included here traverse Russo's writing life.

#### The Perfectionists

Simon Winchester



The New York Times bestselling author traces the development of technology from the Industrial Age to the Digital Age to explore the single component crucial to advancement—precision—in a superb history that is both an homage and a warning for our future.

#### **Adult Biography:**

#### Eunice: the Kennedy Who Changed the World

Eileen McNamara



A Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist examines the life and times of Eunice Kennedy Shriver, arguing she left behind the Kennedy family's most profound political legacy.

#### The Duchess

Peggy Junor



Esteemed royal biographer Penny Junor tells the unlikely and extraordinary story of the woman reviled as a pariah who, thanks to numerous twists of fate, became the popular princess consort.

#### **Large Print Fiction:**

#### In Farleigh Field

Rhys Bowen



World War II comes to Farleigh Place, the ancestral home of Lord Westerham and his five daughters. when a soldier with a failed parachute falls to his death on the estate.

#### Large Print Fiction con't:

#### Crimson Lake

Candice Fox



Six minutes in the wrong place at the wrong time—that's all it took to ruin Sydney detective Ted Conkaffey's life. Accused but not convicted of a brutal abduction, Tom is now a free man.

#### **Until We Find Home**

Cathy Gohlke



For American Claire Stewart, joining the French Resistance sounded as romantic as the storylines she hopes will one day grace the novels she wants to write.

#### **Large Print Nonfiction:**

#### Run the Storm

George Michelsen Fov



A harrowing true account of the mysterious disappearance of the SS El Faro, a gigantic American cargo ship that sank in the Bermuda Triangle, taking with it thirty-three lives.

#### Rescued

Peter Zheutlin



Acclaimed journalist Peter Zheutlin offers a heartwarming and often humorous new look into the world of rescue dogs.

#### **Adult Books on CD: Fiction**

The Grave's a Fine and Private Place Alan Bradlev Force of Nature Jane Harper

Summer Hours at the Robbers Library Sue Halpern

**Adult Books on CD: Nonfiction** 

Educated: A Memoir Tara Westover











#### **Adult DVDs:**

The Coroner season one The Darkest Hour The Greatest Showman Homeland, the complete sixth season My Mother & Other Strangers The Post



#### **Music CDs:**

Beautiful Trauma Pink Camila Camila Cabello From a Room (volumes 1 & 2) **Chris Stapleton** The Very Best of MercyMe MercyMe Mozart for Meditation: Quiet Music for Quiet Times

# **Spotlight**

# The Library has a New Puppet Theatre

by Linda Cunha



In ancient times when Egypt, Greece, and Rome ruled the western world, puppets were meant for adults only. They were used in religious ceremonies and often buried in ancient tombs. Native Americans and the people of Mexico were familiar with puppets and used them

mainly for religious purposes. The rich folklore of ancient India used puppets to tell stories. In ancient China and Japan the puppet was used to tell stories of the

daily happenings of the people.

Puppets are a great way to engage the attention and imagination of children of all ages. They can make a book come to life, or they can tell stories on their own. Half the fun of putting on a puppet play comes in planning the performance. The real world becomes more real to children who have opportunities to pretend. Creativity is encouraged as children use their imaginations to make up roles, situations and solutions. A child who is reluctant to speak or read out loud may



be more willing to talk or read to a puppet. Manipulating puppets can be a positive way to encourage movement and to practice gross and fine motor control.

Bring your own puppets or use the Library's puppets. There are many books at the Library that can be used for playacting ideas or you can use your own favorite book.



Stop in to name the new Library puppet.

Best name wins a prize.

# **Tech Bytes**

Download the new **SAILS Mobile app** and manage your Library account on the go.

Renew materials, search the catalog and keep your scannable Library card right on your phone.



#### **World of Books**

# The Family Kennedy: Beyond the Dynasty

by Denise Micale

Consider the new movie *Chappaquidick*, the Netflix documentary series *Bobby Kennedy for President* and CNN's documentary *American Dynasties: The Kennedys*. They show a resurgence of interest

in members of what many believe to be America's most famous family. Perhaps it's the release of new source material that sparks the process to seek answers to long held questions or myths. Thus, three



biographies revealing the lives of women of the Kennedy nuclear family are particularly enlightening, going beyond politics and scandal to humanize a family long the subject of adulation and dramatic speculation. The first, Rose Kennedy, The Life and Times of a Political Matriarch, by Barbara A. Perry (2013), based upon Rose's recently released diaries and letters, provides a complex and honest portrait of this private yet famous woman, her marriage and family of nine children. The second biography was a book club read here at our Library group in 2017, with the special treat of author Kate Clifton Larson being in attendance for our discussion. Rosemary, The Hidden Kennedy, was one of People's Top Ten Books of 2015. It's a heartbreakingly tragic story of Rosemary's long life and its multifaceted impact upon her family. Finally, Eunice: The Kennedy Who Changed the World, by Pulitzer Prize winning journalist Eileen McNamara, was published in April 2018. Her legacy includes, but is not limited to, the outstanding achievement of creating and growing the Special Olympics to an international force, advancing the quality of life for intellectually challenged children and adults. Her efforts may have changed the world in a more profound sense than those of any of her brothers.

These books bring a new level of honesty, emotion and clarity to the Kennedy family saga. Will any of them make it to the big or small screen? In their biographical excellence and new perspectives, they are worthy of attention, to further a more complete understanding of the Kennedy history and family.

Keep bringing your Lees receipts to the Library. Your receipts earned \$3127 in 2017.

Thank you Lees Market for your support.

# Become a member — Join today

# FOWL aids the mission of the Westport Free Public Library.

All activities are run by volunteers—people who believe in a public library. Funds raised through member dues and book sales go to the Library to purchase books, CDs, DVDs, museum passes, and to fund children's and adult programs. FOWL is the largest funding source for these purchases. In 2017, member dues and book sales contributed over \$25,000 to Library funding. If you're not yet a member, fill in the form to the right to join today.

#### FOWL's services and activities:

#### **Museum Passes:**

Boston Children's Museum
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Children's Museum of Greater Fall River
Harvard University Art Museums
Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum
MASSPARKS Pass
Museum of Fine Arts, Boston
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